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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER 25X1
FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

SITUATION IN ECUADOR: THE OUTCOME OF THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN ECUADOR IS STILL IN DOUBT AS OF 9:00 EDT. THERE IS CONFLICTING INFORMATION, BUT FIRING IN AND AROUND THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, WHICH HAD CEASED FOR SEVERAL HOURS, STARTED UP AGAIN AND CONTINUES. [redacted] LATEST INFORMATION STATES THAT TWO JETS HAVE BEGUN TO ATTACK REBEL HEADQUARTERS SOUTH OF QUITO. ACCORDING TO LOCAL RADIO BROADCASTS, THREE REGIMENTS HAVE ARRIVED IN QUITO TO BACK UP THE REBELS. THIS INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES. IN THE MEANTIME, ANOTHER RADIO BROADCAST STATED THAT THE ARMORED UNIT LOCATED IN RIOBAMBA -- WHERE THE PRESIDENT IS LOCATED -- WAS ON ITS WAY TO HELP PUT DOWN THE REBELLION. EVEN IF TRUE, THE TANKS WOULD NOT ARRIVE IN QUITO FOR MANY HOURS.

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[redacted] THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OF THE PRESIDENCY, HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY THE REBEL FORCES. [redacted] LATEST INFORMATION REBEL GENERAL GONZALEZ IS DETERMINED TO CONTINUE THE FIGHT AT THE PALACE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE REPORTS THAT VARIOUS GARRISONS THROUGHOUT THE NATION HAVE DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ, WE CANNOT CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION AT THIS TIME. OTHER SOURCES REPORT THAT SEVERAL UNITS HAVE PLEDGED THEIR SUPPORT TO GENERAL GONZALEZ. THE SITUATION REMAINS CONFUSED AND THE OUTCOME IN DOUBT.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

DIA, NSA reviews completed

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CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS ON NAMIBIA: A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA (SOUTH-WEST AFRICA), SPONSORED BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, OPENS IN WINDHOEK, THE TERRITORIAL CAPITAL, TODAY. SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER VORSTER CLAIMS THAT THE DELEGATES, REPRESENTING MOST OF THE TERRITORY'S 12 ETHNIC GROUPS, ARE FREE TO CHOOSE ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR NAMIBIA -- INCLUDING INDEPENDENCE FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY AS A UNIFIED STATE. THE MAKE-UP OF THE CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, PRESAGES THE EVENTUAL EMERGENCE OF A LOOSE FEDERAL SYSTEM THAT WOULD MAINTAIN WHITE CONTROL OF THE TERRITORY'S MAJOR MINERAL RESOURCES. A FEDERATION MIGHT INVOLVE NO MORE THAN COSMETIC CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAS LONG INCURRED INTERNATIONAL CENSURE. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE "PETTY APARTHEID" RULES THAT PRETORIA HAS APPLIED IN THE WHITE SECTOR OF NAMIBIA HAVE BEEN LIFTED, VORSTER HAS NOT PROPOSED TO ABANDON THE BASIC DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES THAT HAVE KEPT NONWHITES FROM ADVANCING IN THE TERRITORY'S MODERN INDUSTRIES. VORSTER MAY HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE UN. HIS PRIMARY INTENTION IS TO SHOW THAT THERE IS NO SERIOUS NAMIBIAN OPPOSITION TO SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT. IF HIS CASE IS TO GAIN CREDIBILITY, THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE MUST BE PUBLICIZED AND ANY DRAFT CONSTITUTION MUST EVENTUALLY BE SUBMITTED TO A FREELY CONDUCTED REFERENDUM.
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